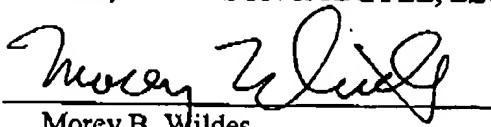


In the Response to Office Action filed May 15, 2003, claim 19 was amended (for the third time). In response to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 14-20 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for containing subject matter that was not described in the specification in a way that reasonably conveys to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention, Applicants amended Claim 19 (along with claims 1, 16, 18 and 20) to add a comma after the fourth Markush grouping element in order to separate the fourth and fifth Markush elements. A careful review of the marked-up version of claim 19 in the Response to Office Action filed May 15, 2003 shows this change.

In order to clarify matters, Applicants herewith present two versions of claims 1, 3-6, 14, 17-21 and 23-28 that are now pending in this application -- one marked-up version showing amendments made in the Response to Office Action filed May 15, 2003 and a clean version of the claims amended in the Response to Office Action filed May 15, 2003 with the amendments incorporated within.

Applicants believe that all claims are now in condition for allowance. In the event that the Examiner determines that the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact the undersigned for a telephone interview before another Office Action is issued in the application. A favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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